



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*November 9, 2015*

*Parks Operations Building*

*2529 High Country Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501*

### **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long at 8:14 a.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long  
Chuck Thompson  
Richard Edwards  
Shirley Nilsen  
Teddy Hildebrandt

Board Members Absent:

Elizabeth Neubauer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor  
Darcy Austin, Sr. Administrative Assistant

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Rich Edwards moved to accept the October 12, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Teddy Hildebrandt.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: 5 Yes 0 No

### **Item 3: Farewell to Rich Edwards**

The Forestry Board is now looking for a new board member. Susan Carter with the CSU Extension office is interested and would qualify. Also have an application in from Mollie Higginbotham a retired parks employee. New board members go before City Council with a resume and are asked a few questions.

#### **Item 4: City of Grand Junction Forestry Update**

- Bylaws have been looked over by Stephanie Tuin; the board can be less specific about the date that the board meets. Invite Stephanie to a board meeting to finalize the bylaws and then have them approved by City Council.
- The Board feels there should be better outreach to the community for Yard of the Month such as a brochure that is distributed to landscape companies and information on the marquee outside of Stocker Stadium. Have all gift cards for winners by April, prior to the start of the program. Randy Coleman, as the head of Forestry, should be present when the sign is posted and pictures are taken for the newspaper and invite Callie Osborn (New Sr. Administrative Assistant/Marketing) to come in and discuss the program. The Board discussed changing the name of the program to “Landscape of the Month” and will discuss this further at the December meeting.
- Randy Coleman spoke with Jamie Beard regarding doing free trainings or requiring our licensed tree care providers to attend required trainings. Jamie Beard stated that we should not offer free trainings but should continue to alert our licensed tree care providers by letter when there has been issues and if the issues continue they can be fined and/or lose their license.
- Landscape West is having a conference March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 and Randy Coleman will get with Susan Carter to discuss offering classes to earn CEU’s. Once we have the details we will include information about the classes in the licensed tree care providers renewal letters. CSU Extension puts on several classes and you don’t have to be an Arborist to take ISA CEU’s.

**A motion for all Licensed Tree Care Providers to submit proof of 3 credit hours of CEU’s and submits that proof with their 2017 renewal of license. This can be any source of education in the green industry, online or in person.**

**Rich Edwards moved to accept the motion. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.**

**Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: 5 Yes 0 No**

- Randy Coleman stated that the Parks Department is doing a restructure where they will be lining out divisions and including all employees to give their thoughts on “what they want the parks department to look like”. This includes what tasks would be associated with these divisions and thoughts on what has been good/bad in the department over the years.
- Jamie Beard is working on a traffic study to determine what we can do and what our expectations will be for pulling permits.

#### **Item 3: New Business**

- The Board would like to look at the current City Ordinance and review the wording because it is too vague and needs to be defined more clearly.
- Discuss Tree Care Workshop and Arbor Day for 2016

**Item 7: Adjourn**

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on December 10, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Parks Operations

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin